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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Buysse, et al.

Examiner: Diane Yabut

Serial No.: 10/516,480

Group: Art Unit 3734

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- [ ] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- [ ] A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- [X] No additional fee is required.

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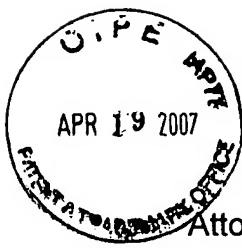
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**PATENT APPLICATION**

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

In response to the Office Action mailed on January 24, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.


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